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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers
WC-Docket No. 05-25
Access to Confidential Material

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Protective Order¹ adopted in the above-referenced proceeding, Embarq submits the attached copy of the Acknowledgement of Confidentiality (Appendix B to the Protective Order) signed by Brian Staihr, Regulatory Economist.

Under the terms of paragraph 4 of the Protective Order Mr. Staihr, is not "Counsel" nor is he an employee, outside consultant or contractor to Counsel. Therefore, Appendix B, the Acknowledgement of Confidentiality, has been modified to the limited extent necessary to make clear his actual position. This limited modification in no way changes and is not meant to change the obligations imposed by the Wireline Competition Bureau through its Protective Order on Embarq, Counsel, or other persons described in paragraph 4 of the Protective Order. Mr. Staihr is not involved in "competitive decision-making" as that term is used in paragraph 1 of the Protective Order.

Embarq seeks access to confidential versions of documents previously filed or that may be filed in the future in the above-referenced proceeding by Sprint Nextel (including documents filed by its predecessors, Sprint Corporation and Nextel Communications, Inc.) and T-Mobile.

¹ *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, Order, 20 FCC Rcd 10160, at Appendix A (June 8, 2005) (DA 05-1635) ("Protective Order")

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As stated in the attached certificate of service, copies of this letter and the signed Acknowledgements of Confidentiality have been served on counsel for each party by overnight mail. In accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and the Commission's rules, this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig T. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Craig T. Smith
Senior Counsel

Attachments

cc: Attached Service List

APPENDIX B**Acknowledgement of Confidentiality****WC Docket No. 05-25**

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Protective Order in the above-referenced proceeding, and I understand it. I agree that I am bound by the Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information except as allowed by the Protective Order. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or public interest organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the order is due solely to my capacity as Regulatory Economist, in which capacity I am responsible for the development of regulatory strategies generally and in this proceeding, in particular, along with In-House Counsel for Embarq. I will not use such confidential information in any other capacity nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the protective order.

I hereby certify that I am not involved in "competitive decision-making" as that term is used in the definition of In-House Counsel in paragraph 1 of the Protective Order.

I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that (1) Stamped Confidential Documents and Confidential Information are used only as provided in the Protective Order; and (2) Stamped Confidential Documents are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of paragraph 9 of the Protective Order. I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures, at my firm or office, to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Protective Order.

Executed at Overland Park, KS this 7th day of August, 2007.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Craig T. Smith, do hereby certify that on this 7th day of August, 2007, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing letter and attached Acknowledgements of Confidentiality to be served by overnight mail, unless otherwise indicated, to the following:

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